YEARDSLEY-CUM-WHALEY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

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Medical Officer of Health.

YEAR 1913.

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To the

Chairman and Members of the Yeardsley-cum-Whaley Urban District Council.

Gentlemen

I beg to present to you my First Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1913. Although I have only held office since last November, I have endeavoured as far as possible to make the Report cover the whole of the year.

District formed in 1863.

Area of District (exclusive of area covered by water) 1323 acres.

Assessable value for the General District Rate is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Property assessed at full - - - - - -	7907	12	0
do. do. ¼ - - - - - -	474	1	3
Total -	£8381	13	3

Population at last Census (1911). 1659

Number of inhabited houses at Census (1911). 409

Average number of persons per house at Census (1911). 4·04

Estimated population at end of 1913. 1700

Height of Todd-brook Reservoir, 602 feet above ordnance datum.

Average rainfall for 63 years. 40.20.

Births and Deaths.

There have been 34 births registered during the year, which gives a birth-rate of 20 per thousand.

The number of deaths registered in the district is 11, giving a death-rate of 6-5, but if we exclude one death of a stranger to the district, it reduces the death to 10, and this gives a death-rate of 5-9 per thousand. Two residents died outside the district. Including these the total number of deaths of residents of the district is 12, which gives a death-rate of 7 per thousand.

There has been 1 death of an infant under one year of age, which gives an infantile mortality of 29-4 per thousand births registered.

The causes of death in your district during the year may be classified as follows:—

Senile Decay 3; Enteritis 1; Pleurisy 1; Bronchitis 1; Cancer 2; Angina Pectoris 1; Cardiac Disease 1; Accident 1; Chronic Alcoholism 1; Pyaemia 1;

Infectious Diseases.

The district has not suffered from any epidemic of infectious disease during the year.

Five cases of infectious diseases have been notified. One of Scarlet Fever, and four of Tubercular disease. The case of Scarlet Fever was removed to the Chinley Isolation Hospital, and instructions were given and steps taken by the Sanitary Inspector to prevent further spread of the disease. Of the four cases of Tubercular disease, one was Tuberculosis of the Lungs, and this person was not a resident of the district.

Water Supply.

Quality:—The water supply of the district continues satisfactory.

Quantity:—Owing to the dry summer there has not been an adequate supply for the whole of the district, but it is satisfactory to know that the Council is aware of this fact

and at present is making negotiations for a larger supply from the Stockport Corporation. It must be remembered that your district is a growing one, and that the Sewerage Scheme is near completion, and these are two strong additional reasons why I am of opinion that your water supply should be increased.

There have been six connections made to the council's system during the year.

Factory and Workshops.

All the factories and workshops in the district have been inspected from time to time and were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Bye-Laws.

There are two slaughter houses in the district which have been examined periodically and found clean and satisfactory. The two places where offensive trades are carried on, comply with the bye-laws for such trades.

There are no common lodging-houses in your district.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

One case of a cow suffering from Tuberculosis on a farm in your district, was sent to Manchester to be slaughtered, and on another farm in the district there was an animal suspected to be suffering from Tuberculosis and this animal was slaughtered in the presence of your Sanitary Inspector.

From what I learn from the Sanitary Inspector the shippons in the whole of your district are well ventilated, and in a good sanitary condition..

General Sanitary Work.

The district, being of a rural nature, is mainly supplied by privies and ashpits. These are emptied at stated times and the contents removed. There are also a number of houses in the district which are provided with water-closets. These with a few exceptions are connected with cess-pools, but the majority finally drain into the River Goyt.

I understand that the work of laying the Sewerage pipes in your district is practically completed. I note that the wise suggestion of your late Medical Officer, Dr. Welch, with regard

to the extension of the sewer to Stoneheads, and the distant end of Hockerly Lane, has not been carried out. I am of the opinion that in the near future this extension will have to be undertaken.

Canal Boats.

Two Canal Boats have been inspected during the year, and were found in a satisfactory condition.

Midwives Act, 1902

There are two midwives who practise in the district. The total number of cases attended in your district by Midwives is 17. Medical assistance was not required in any of the cases. No deaths of Mothers or Infants have occurred. No cases of Puerperal Fever have been notified. The number of Midwives is sufficient for the requirements of the district. All the appliances required by the Rules are provided by the Midwives, and in good order. The case books are well kept.

Six new houses have been built during the year. In addition a Picture Theatre has been built with seating accommodation for 463 people. The Theatre is in every way satisfactory from a sanitary point of view.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FRED GARNET ALLAN.

Whaley Bridge.

February 17th, 1914.

Table 1.

URBAN DISTRICT OF YEARDSLEY-CUM-WHALEY.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT,

during 1913 and previous years.

Year	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births		Total Deaths Registered in the District		Deaths of Non-residents registered in the District	Deaths of Residents not registered in the District	Nett Deaths belonging to the District			
								Under one year of age		At all ages	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate			Number	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births	Number	Rate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1908	1607	32	19·3	25	15·5			2	62·5	25	15·5
1909	1634	41	25·0	12	7·3			2	48·7	12	7·3
1910	1639	27	16·4	12	7·3			1	37·0	12	7·3
1911	1659	25	15·2	23	14·0		3	2	80·0	26	15·8
1912	1671	40	23·9	20	11·9		1	5	125	21	12·5
1913	1694	34	20·0	11	6·5	1	2	1	29·4	12	7.0